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Attorney Docket No. 81614A  
Customer Number 23685

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Serial No.: 10/712,966	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
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Filed: November 12, 2003	)	Examiner: Julian W. Woo
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

RESPONSE

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the remarks below.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Claims** in this paper; nevertheless, the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.